

Mint U.S.
March 21 / 40.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th, on the subject of the dies for the New Orleans Mint. ~~I take the liberty~~ I beg to state that ~~there~~ ~~are~~ the first dies for 1840 were sent to that Mint early in January, and received there in that month, and that it has been a custom, from the origin of the Mint, to use the dies of the preceding year, until the new ones are prepared. There is, however, no difficulty in ~~keep~~ sending on the supply in time to prevent this necessity, and I will have it attended to in future.

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Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treasury.